LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1-34. (Canceled)

35-42. (Withdrawn)

43-47. (Canceled)

48. (Previously presented) A method of authorizing one or more requested copies of all or part of a book comprising:

retrieving copy rights information for authorizing copies of all or part of said book, wherein said copy rights information is stored in a semiconductor device affixed to said book,

authorizing the requested copies if the retrieved copy rights information indicates that the requested copies are authorized; and

updating the copy rights information stored in said semiconductor device to reflect that the requested copies have been authorized.

49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48 wherein said copy rights information comprises counts data specifying a number of copies that can be authorized, and wherein said updating comprises reducing said counts data in dependence on requested and authorized copies.

50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 49 wherein said counts data further specifies a number of copies of said book, and/or copies of pages in said book, and/or copies of graphics in said book that can be authorized.

51. (Previously presented) The method of claim 49 wherein said copy rights information further comprises a user or license identity.

52. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48 wherein said steps of retrieving, authorizing, and updating are performed by a program that is executed by said semiconductor device.

53. (Previously presented) The method of claim 52 wherein said authorizing step further comprises said semiconductor device communicating externally a signal authorizing the requested copies.

54. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53 further comprising making the requested copies in response to said externally communicated signal.

55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48 wherein said steps of retrieving, authorizing, and updating are performed by a program that is executed by a system external to said semiconductor device.

56. (Previously presented) The method of claim 55 wherein said retrieving and updating step further comprise said semiconductor device fetching and storing, respectively, all or part of said copy rights information, and also communicating externally with said external system all or part of said copy rights information.

57. (Previously presented) The method of claim 55 wherein said copy rights information further comprises a World Wide Web address of said external system.

58. (Previously presented) A book comprising:

one or more pages having text and/or graphics, and

an affixed semiconductor device comprising:

an updateable storage area that stores copy rights information for authorizing copies of all or part of said book; and

a controller for communicating externally to said semiconductor device.

59. (Previously presented) The book of claim 58 wherein said copy rights information comprises counts data specifying a number of copies that can be authorized.

60. (Previously presented) The book of claim 59 wherein said counts data further specifies a number of copies of said book, and/or copies of pages in said book, and/or copies of graphics in said book that can be authorized.

61. (Previously presented) The book of claim 58 wherein said copy rights information further comprises a user or license identity.

62. (Previously presented) The book of claim 58 wherein an external system, in response to a request for one or more copies of part or all of said book,

communicates with said semiconductor device to retrieve all or part of said copy rights information stored in said semiconductor device,

authorizes the requested copies if the retrieved copy rights information indicates that the requested copies are authorized; and

communicates with said semiconductor device to update said copy rights information stored in said semiconductor device to reflect that the requested copies have been authorized.

63. (Previously presented) The book of claim 62 wherein said copy rights information comprises counts data specifying a number of copies that can be authorized, and wherein said updating comprises reducing said counts data in dependence on requested and authorized copies.

64. (Previously presented) The book of claim 58 wherein said semiconductor device, in response to a request for one or more copies of all or part of said book, further

retrieves all or part of said stored copy rights information,

communicates externally to said semiconductor device a signal authorizing the requested copies if the retrieved copy rights information indicates that the requested copies are authorized; and

updates said stored copy rights information to reflect that the requested copies have been authorized.

65. (Previously presented) The book of claim 64 wherein said copy rights information comprises counts data specifying a number of copies that can be authorized, and wherein said updating comprises reducing said counts data in dependence on the requested and authorized copies.

66. (Previously presented) The book of claim 64 wherein said semiconductor device further comprises a storage area for all or part of the content of said book, said content being communicated externally in response to an authorized copy request.

67. (Previously presented) The book of claim 64 wherein an external copy station that, in response to a signal authorizing requested copies received from said semiconductor device,

retrieves the content of the requested copies, and

produces the requested copies from the retrieved content.

68. (Previously presented) The book of claim 67 wherein said semiconductor device further comprises a storage area for all or part of the content of said book, said content being externally communicated to said copy station.

69. (Previously presented) The book of claim 58 comprising a plurality of affixed semiconductor devices, each comprising an updateable storage area that stores copy rights information for a section of said book.

70. (Previously presented) A book copying system comprising:

a book comprising:

one or more pages having text and/or graphics, and

an affixed semiconductor device comprising (i) an updateable storage area that stores copy rights information for authorizing copies of all or part of said book and (ii) a controller for communicating externally to said semiconductor device, and for, in response to a request for one or more copies of part or all of said book,

retrieving all or part of said stored copy rights information,

communicating externally to said semiconductor device a signal authorizing the requested copies if the retrieved copy rights information indicates that the requested copies are authorized, and

updating said stored copy rights information to reflect that the requested copies have been authorized; and

a copy station that can operatively communicate with said book for producing copies in response to said authorization signal.

71. (Previously presented) The system of claim 70 wherein said semiconductor device further comprises a storage area for all or part of the content of said book, said content being externally communicated to said copy station.

72. (Previously presented) The system of claim 70 wherein said copy rights information comprises counts data specifying a number of copies that can be authorized, and wherein said updating comprises reducing said counts data in dependence on the requested and authorized copies.

73. (Previously presented) The system of claim 70 wherein said counts data further specifies a number of copies of said book, and/or copies of pages in said book, and/or copies of graphics in said book that can be authorized.

74. (Previously presented) The system of claim 70 wherein said copy rights information further comprises a user or license identity.

75. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium ~~containing~~ comprising instructions encoded thereon for causing a semiconductor device affixed to a book to perform ~~the~~ a method ~~of claim 48~~ of authorizing one or more requested copies of all or part of a book , said method comprising:

retrieving copy rights information for authorizing copies of all or part of said book, wherein said copy rights information is stored in a semiconductor device affixed to said book,

authorizing the requested copies if the retrieved copy rights information indicates that the requested copies are authorized; and

updating the copy rights information stored in said semiconductor device to reflect that the requested copies have been authorized.

76. (Canceled)

77. (Currently amended) <u>A book comprising an affixed device comprising a computer readable storage area that stores copy rights information, said copy rights information comprising data specifying a number of copies of all or part of said book that can be authorized, and said storage area being updateable so that said data can be reduced in dependence on requested and authorized copies,</u> ~~The book of claim 76~~

wherein said affixed device fetches and sends all or part of said stored copy rights information to an external system and receives and stores updated copy rights information from said external system, wherein said external system authorizes requested copies if the retrieved copy rights information indicates that the requested copies are authorized and updates said copy right information in dependence on requested and authorized copies.

78. (Currently amended) <u>A book comprising an affixed device comprising a computer readable storage area that stores copy rights information, said copy rights information comprising data specifying a number of copies of all or part of said book that can be authorized, and said storage area being updateable so that said data can be reduced in dependence on requested and authorized copies,</u> ~~The book of claim 76~~

wherein said affixed device retrieves all or part of said stored copy rights information, communicates externally a signal authorizing one or more requested copies if the retrieved copy rights information indicates that the requested copies are authorized, and stores copy rights information updated in dependence on requested and authorized copies.

79 (Canceled)